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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM MEXICO DATED MAY 12, 1976 SENT
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SUBJ: APPRAISAL OF UNICEF PROGRAM IN MEXICO

REF: AID CIRCULAR A-182, 3/25/76

1. SOLE PROGRAM INVOLVING UNICEF IN MEXICO AT THIS TIME
IS THE FIVE YEAR (1972-1976) PROJECT "PROGRAMA DE
DESAROLLO SOCIO-ECONOMICO DE LOS ALTOS DE CHIPAS (PRODESCH),
THE PROGRAM MENTIONED IN ECOSOC PUBLICATION E/ICEF/L.1349,
JANUARY 28, 1976, "PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AMERICAS".

2. PRODESCH IS A MULTI-FACETED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
JOINTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNESCO, THE
MEXICAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF CHIAPAS,
NUMEROUS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE GROUPS WITH THE ENTIRE
EFFORT COORDINATED BY UNICEF, IT SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRA-
TION OF CHIAPAS' HIGHLAND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES INTO THE
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NATIONAL LIFE AND WORKS IN THE COMBINED AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL

EXTENSION, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATIONS, EXPANSION OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS, PROMOTION OF LOCAL AND RURAL INDUSTRY, DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND YOUTH MOBILIZATION.

3. THE FORMAL EVALUATION OF THE CHIAPAS PROJECT MENTIONED IN PAGE 27 OF THE ECOSOC PUBLICATION HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT EVALUATION AND INDEED SUSPECTS THAT NONE IS DESIRED. CHIAPAS IS A LONG WAY FROM MEXICO CITY, AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL CAN MAKE OFFICIAL VISITS THERE VERY INFREQUENTLY, ONE EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON PRIVATE VISIT TO AREA GATHERED IMPRESSION THAT MANAGEMENT OF PRODESCH LEFT SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED.

4. THE UNICEF OFFICE HERE IN MEXICO HAS STRESSED THE FOLLOWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PROGRAM: THE FUNDING PROVIDED BY UNICEF AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE OTHER UN AGENCIES HAS BEEN USED AS SEED MONEY TO STIMULATE INVESTMENT AND FUNDING FROM MANY OTHER SOURCES. THIS MULTIPLIER EFFECT IS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR UNICEF TO DECREASE ITS LEVEL OF FUNDING EACH YEAR WHILE LOCAL AND GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES INCREASINGLY FIND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS PRODUCTIVE AND/OR PROFITABLE AND ARE CONSEQUENTLY PROVIDING MORE FUNDING LOCALLY.

5. THE SUCCESS OF PRODESCH AS A DEMONSTRATION OR MODEL PROGRAM MAY BE MEASURED BY THE REQUEST OF THE GOM FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS TO BE INITIATED IN THE NEIGHBORING (AND EQUALLY BACKWARD) STATES OF QUINTANA ROO AND OAXACA, THESE TWO NEW PROJECTS ARE IN THE FINAL STATE OF PROPOSAL WITH DETAILS TO BE FLESHED OUT DURING THE COMING SUMMER.

6. ONE COPY PRODESCH "COMMUNICACION" BEING FORWARDED TODAY.
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